

**THE SEWER BOARD OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA HELD A MEETING IN THE 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING, NEW ALBANY, INDIANA ON TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2006 AT 3:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Mayor James Garner, Vice Chairman Bill Utz, Mark Seabrook, Todd Solomon and Larry Kochert.

**OTHERS:** Attorney Greg Fifer, Brian Dixon, EMC, Tina Haley, and City Clerk Marcey Wisman.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Mayor Garner** called the meeting to order as 3:33 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**

**Mr. Seabrook** moved to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2006 meeting with changes that Mr. Solomon pointed out, Mr. Utz second, all voted in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC:**

**Mr. Creps** asked what was found with the televising of his line.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that they did televise the line but that they did not find any significant problem with the main. He advised him that he should call a private plumber to televise his private line.

**Pat O'Rear** stated that he was present for the same reason and does not want to put carpet back down until he knows this will not happen again. He stated that he is planning to have either a flapper valve or a manual valve put on his lateral and was told by the plumbers that it sounds to him like there is an obstruction in the main line.

**Mr. Dixon** again stated that the line was televised and no obstruction was found and stated that it sounds to him like a problem in the lateral line.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the problem of lateral lines that are connected by a Y.**

**Susan Johnson** asked if there were any reasons given for the SSOs we had in March and April at locations such as Jennie Lane or Cherry Valley.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that the Jennie Lane line was televised and cleaned and no obstructions were found, however, they did raise the manhole because they felt that the line was very shallow and they haven't had any problems since. He also explained that they haven't had a chance to get the truck out to Cherry Valley to check the line because of recent weather conditions but it is on the agenda to be done.

**Ms. Johnson** stated that in 1999 they discussed increasing the capacity of the lines out by Prosser.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that this had been discussed but that they have not established a time for that to happen.

**Ms. Johnson** asked if there is a capacity problem that is causing the problems on Jennie Lane and the line by Prosser.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he did not believe it was a capacity problem.

**Ms. Johnson** asked if it was a problem with the creeks.

**Mr. Sartell** stated that there are some issues there but they are waiting for Donahue and Clarke Dietz to finish before they determine how and where to spend the \$300,000 allotted for the Prosser slip line.

**Ms. Johnson** asked why Team is on McDonald Lane.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that they had nicked lateral lines while they were working and they were repairing them at their own expense.

**COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:**

**Mr. Solomon** asked about the renegotiation with the contract for the electric with EMC.

**Mayor Garner** stated that it has not been done yet.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that they made a payment in April that should not have been paid. He stated that he does not understand why we are paying EMC for paying our electric bill instead of paying it ourselves.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the agreement and reimbursement for overpayments for electric.**

**Mr. Fifer** stated that he remembers why there was not a pass through on the electric. He stated that this gives them more of an incentive to conserve electricity.

**Mayor Garner** commented that EMC and the city split the savings because it is a measure to try to save energy costs.

**Mr. Solomon** asked if we have received the drawings for the plant.

**Mr. Dixon** stated yes.

**Mr. Solomon** asked why there is not a live person answering the after hour calls and he feels their calls should be responded to within a half hour.

**Mr. Sartell** stated that they are currently contracted with Metro Answering Service and they are a very reputable company.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the procedures for the answering service calls.**

**Mr. Solomon** stated that he has called on the change order for the bracket and he is okay with it; however, he would liked to be informed when there is a situation like this.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he will try to inform everyone if a situation arises like this again.

**Mr. Solomon** asked about the landscaping and paving for Mr. Creps.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that the bushes are planted and the landscaper is going to plant the grass in June. He stated that they are going to discuss the paving next Monday with Mr. Creps.

**Mr. Solomon** asked if there was a resolution on the boom truck.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that they are currently working out a trade deal on a new camera which costs approximately \$62,500.00.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that they need to be made whole on this deal because they were told by EMC that the truck was needed and the city shouldn't lose a dime on the deal. He

then asked what the ADM status was.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that he is trying to move that forward.

**Mr. Solomon** asked if we are still paying EMC program management fees.

**Mayor Garner** stated that it expired.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that according to Kay Garry's records we are paying more than what we should be.

**Mr. Sartell** stated that there is a 3% CPI that goes into effect each April.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the monthly fees paid to EMC and what rate should have been used.**

**Mr. Solomon** asked Ms. Welsh if they need help in her office.

**Mrs. Welsh** stated that they are sinking and need help. She stated that they are consumed with posting payments and they have had to stop their normal day to day work such as liens and adjustments. She stated that at this time they need at least one more person.

**There was a lengthy discussion as to space and financial needs to help with the sewer billing office.**

**Mr. Solomon made a motion to hire a new person at an interim salary and the computer to accommodate them, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Solomon** asked about the Adams development and stated that they will need to do their own capacity study because that area is not included in our current study.

**Mayor Garner** stated that the developer is aware of that.

**Mr. Solomon** asked when the next Melhiser report is due because he would like to see the breakdown of the storm water utility and the Lafallotte line.

**Mayor Garner** stated that he thought it should come out at the first of the month. He added that as of March 1<sup>st</sup> the amount of money that is being received from IN-AWC is being broken down between drainage, garbage and sewage.

**Mr. Solomon** asked if Ms. Welsh feels that we have done all that we can to notify people of the ordinance for a separate meter.

**Mayor Garner** stated that he feels there needs to be a motion made for the summer watering.

**Ms. Welsh** stated that it would be helpful if the summer watering program would be May through September.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the watering program.**

**Mr. Solomon** asked if there was an agreement with Floyd Knobs Water.

**Ms. Welsh** stated that she has not seen an agreement.

**Mr. Fifer** asked Ms. Welsh to contact Mr. Gesenhues for a copy of an agreement.

**Mr. Utz** stated that in the Memorandum of Understanding he has a problem with the section regarding televising and he is concerned because he has not seen anything on this for the last 8 months.

**Mayor Garner** stated that they have asked EMC for an estimate on this and it depends on the new camera what the schedule will be.

**Mr. Sartell** stated that they have been working on this but he said that it makes it difficult when they have to pull their crew to go and look at manholes and clogged lines.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding what needs to be done to set the schedule for this three year plan in order to comply with the Memorandum and the conditions of EMC's contract regarding line maintenance. They also discussed the camera trade for the boom truck once again.**

**Mr. Seabrook** asked Rob Sartell to go to his management and let them know that they are not happy with the proposed trade off of the boom truck for the camera and come back with an offer at the next meeting.

**Mr. Seabrook moved that the deal equals \$105,000.00, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor.**

#### **SEWER ADJUSTMENTS:**

Item #1 - Kelly Welsh re: sewer adjustment requests

Dorothy Harris, 3918 Rainbow Drive, requested an adjustment in the amount of \$392.69 for a leak at her water meter.

**Mr. Seabrook moved to approve contingent upon it going into the ground, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor.**

Deneen Kauchak, 504 Diehlman Drive, requested an adjustment in the amount of \$1,018.75 due to a leak in her water main.

**Mr. Seabrook asked to table this so that Ms. Welsh can ask her how much time she needs to make good on her bill.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Item #1 - Laura Arnold, Country Club, re: adjustment request.

**Mr. Seabrook** asked if there is anyway for them to tell us how many meters they have by the number of bills they receive.

**Mayor Garner** stated that they have a solution to their problem by using a hydrant to fill the pool.

**Ms. Welsh** stated that regarding Dr. Receveur's buildings, they would like the 10,000 credits spread out over 4 properties located at 815, 819, 821 Mt. Tabor and 811 Northgate.

**Mr. Seabrook moved to approve, Mr. Utz second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Fifer** stated that she needs something in writing stating that this settles this in full.

**Ms. Welsh** presented an agreement from Helvey for bills owed by Gerald and Janet Caffee for a settlement amount of \$2,821.91.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that he does not have enough information on this and asked that it be tabled.

**Ms. Welsh** stated that she received an invoice from DSD for the 10" line and she was told by Ms. Garry that she does not have the authority to file these.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that she does have authority because the board voted on giving her the

authority.

Item #2 - Chad McCormick re: Rule 13

**Chad McCormick** presented the board with the Annual Report for their review. Said report is on file in the City Clerk's office. He stated that it is due to the State by May 6 and they would appreciate any comments that the members may have. He also passed out a Technical Services Agreement for the actual field work needed for this program between the city, the stormwater board and the soil and water board. He stated that the billing process is moving forward and it will be ready to be billed by the end of the month.

**Mayor Garner** stated that we can either bill the first three months at the interim rate or we can go back and bill them the final rate.

**There was a lengthy discussion as to how they would bill the commercial and industrial. It was decided to bill the interim fee for the first three months.**

**Mr. Seabrook** informed the board that the ordinance to establish the stormwater board is coming back before the council on Thursday and he doesn't believe it will go through.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the establishment for the stormwater board.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mr. Seabrook** presented a letter to the board from Sherri L. Baker from Barnhizer & Associates regarding cleaning up sewer backups. He stated that it may be nice to have someone who can go out and check to see if estimates they receive are reasonable.

**Tina Haley** presented the board with an updated list for the sewer credits that has a total of 149,780 credits which will leave the city with 407 credits which is enough for approximately two houses.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that this should be approved subject to EPA granting approval of the 150,000 credits and communicating that to IDEM.

**Mr. Seabrook moved to approve, Mr. Solomon second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Fifer** stated that we need to make sure that this is administered correctly for Mike Davis, Reflection Lake. Mike Larner will need to pay a reimbursement fee to MEKA and DSD and Ms. Welsh needs to know that they do not get connection until they are set up properly. He also stated that it may be required any projects that have more than 15,500 gallons of flow to get a separate stamped letter from an engineer that will state that this project will not cause any overflow in the collection system.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that either Clark-Dietz or Donahue should be the ones that make these assessments.

**Mr. Fifer** asked Ms. Haley to get with Mr. Dixon and let him know which of the new projects on the list will require more than 15,500 credits.

**Mr. Fifer** presented a letter and the Memorandum of Agreement from the EPA that was received on April 17 and discussed it with the board. Said letter and Memorandum is on file with the City Clerk's office. He asked the board to grant the Mayor the authority to sign off on the agreement.

**Mr. Solomon** asked Mr. Tekippe about the Robert E. Lee project.

**Mr. Tekippe** presented a memo to the board regarding the progress of the Robert E. Lee project and discussed it in detail. Said memo is on file with the City Clerk's office.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the follow-up items of the memo.**

**EMC REPORT:**

**Brian Dixon** asked if he could get the change order approved for MAC Construction.

**Mr. Solomon moved to approve, Mr. Utz second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Dixon** had three quotes for the Chapel Creek Lift Station the lowest bid came in from Hagman in the amount of \$22,905.00. He stated that this station has a shallow pit and no back-up pit and there have been several claims paid out in this area for back-ups.

**Mr. Utz moved to approve the low bid, Mr. Solomon second, all voted in favor.**

**CLAIMS:**

**K & E.** for four different storm events in the amount of \$7,288.92. He stated that \$1,500.00 is their regular monthly fee.

**Mr. Kochert moved to approve, Mr. Solomon second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Fifer** asked how the job on 10<sup>th</sup> Street is going.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he talked with them and they report that they are on schedule.

**Mr. Solomon moved to give the mayor authority to sign the Memorandum of Understanding contingent upon him not receiving a phone call from Mr. Solomon by Thursday to make changes, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Sewer Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor James Garner, Chairman

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Marcey Wisman, City Clerk